

statement in recognition of the Justice for Congo Victims and Congo Reforms Peace Convention hosted at University of Texas at Arlington. I would like to express my gratitude to Richard Millsap for asking me to participate in this Peace Convention. I would also like to thank those of you who were involved in making this event happen and all of the participants who have taken time out of their schedules to be a part of such a momentous conference.

I have been a longtime advocate for peace and diplomacy over armed conflict. As many of you know, I began my A World of Women for World Peace initiative in 2001. Throughout my time in office, I have seen first-hand the pillage of war. Shortly after experiencing the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, I saw on the cover of Newsweek magazine, two boys from Liberia who were 12 and 14 years old dressed in military gear with machine guns, and I just thought enough was enough. I wondered how our world had come to this place of aggression, and I knew that I had to do something to be a part of bringing a culture of peace to the world.

My efforts started with women who are the mothers of young boys like the ones I saw on the cover of that magazine, whose lives are sacrificed in the name of war. We must recognize and empower these women to facilitate peace-building, peacemaking, and peace-keeping activities across the world. We must also recognize the experts and leaders who help us to plant the seeds of peace.

I recently participated in my A World of Women for World Peace conference in Taipei, Taiwan, where we discussed ways to build peace through culture. One panelist in particular spoke about the necessity of compassion and healing the wounds of civil wars and genocides before peace can be achieved on the ground. I strongly believe that this is the case in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The global community must recognize the tragedies of the Congo before the Congolese people can truly move forward to a place of peace. Thank you for allowing me to provide written remarks and I hope you have a productive Peace Convention.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of this week's 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which was signed into law July 26, 1990.

This milestone piece of legislation marked a positive step forward in affording Americans with disabilities the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It represented a significant change in national anti-discrimination laws, making discrimination against Americans with disabilities in the private sphere illegal, and requiring reasonable public accommodation. However, there is still work to be done to improve the lives of Americans with disabilities. Some still trail the population in many economic indicators, as they are twice as likely to be poor and one-fifth as likely to be em-

ployed. The ADA was a major step toward ensuring economic independence.

In my district, the Disability Student Support Services project at Queens College was recently awarded a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education that will help fund that program. This program aids a group of 100 students in their studies at Queens College, and provides them the support they need to ensure that they graduate.

I would like to commend my constituent, Charmaine Worthy, for her efforts in the CUNY system serving disabled students. As the University Coordinator of Student Activities, she has worked tirelessly to empower CUNY students. Thank you, Ms. Worthy, for your important work. You are a shining example of the importance of giving back to one's community.

Educational and economic gaps that persist between disabled Americans and their peers shrink through people like Ms. Worthy, institutions like CUNY, and the grants that fund these important programs.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOS COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SOS Community Services for its 45th anniversary. For 45 years, SOS has worked to end homelessness for families in Washtenaw County by providing resources and support to the community. As a result of their dedicated service and their mission to promote housing stability and self-sufficiency, SOS has immensely bettered Washtenaw County.

SOS Community Services was started in 1970 by students and faculty at Eastern Michigan University. Originally, the group provided a 24-hour crisis phone line to EMU students. It has grown into an effective and critical non-profit organization committed to ending familial homelessness in all of Washtenaw County.

SOS Community Services provides a wide range of services and support. They run a food pantry, provide temporary shelter and rehousing services, and work with families to find employment, pursue further education, and after-school and tutoring programs for children and young people. They also provide struggling families with everyday necessities such as utility assistance, bus tokens and access to computers and phones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor 45 years of ardent service to their community. With compassion and respect, vital services are provided to maintain and raise the quality of life for approximately 4,700 people. I look forward to seeing further inspiring work from SOS Community Services.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TYLER WILLIAM BECK

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Tyler William Beck for his service to my office and to the people of California's 21st Congressional District.

Tyler Beck was born in Salinas, California on September 14, 1991 to Mr. and Mrs. Steven and Alice Beck. Tyler and his two younger brothers, Zachary Beck and Benjamin Beck, grew up in Hanford, California, where they reside today.

Prior to high school, Mr. Beck attended St. Rose McCarthy for his elementary and middle school education. In 2006, he began high school at Hanford High School, where he graduated in 2010. Following his primary education, Mr. Beck attended the College of the Sequoias Hanford as well as West Hills College Lemoore.

Throughout his college education, Mr. Beck has served California's 21st Congressional District as an Administrative Assistant in my Hanford, California office. Mr. Beck's commitment to public service and strong ties to the community have made him an invaluable asset to my team.

Friday, August 21, 2015 will be Mr. Beck's last day as a member of my staff. With a passion for agriculture and teaching, Mr. Beck will be attending Fresno State University. While I am proud of his academic ambition, Tyler will be greatly missed by my entire team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Tyler Beck for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him the very best as he begins this exciting chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO PAT BODDY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pat Boddy for being named a 2015 Woman of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, the Des Moines Business Record.

Since 2000, the Des Moines Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of female leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities either personally or professionally, forging a path for other women to follow. The women given this prestigious award are individuals who have selflessly dedicated their time and proven their leadership abilities across a variety of professional fields.

Ms. Boddy started a career in journalism after moving from the St. Louis area to Des Moines. After working at WHO radio, where she found her passion for environmental engineering, she attended Iowa State University. It was there that she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Engineering and

shortly thereafter a Master's degree in Water Resources.

Ms. Boddy has a long history of leading and serving others in a number of different roles. She has served as the Director of Polk County Conservation, the Deputy and Interim Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and now serves as the Stewardship Director at RDG Planning and Design in Des Moines. She has worked tirelessly to support the sustainability of not only her community, but the entire state.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ms. Boddy in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better her community and the State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

THE 240TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY FOUNDING

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, military life is filled with unspoken hardships, extraordinary demands—physically, mentally, spiritually, and relationally—and constant sacrifice by both our military members and their families. Recognizing this tremendous cost on our soldiers and the need to lighten their burdens, at the request of George Washington, the continental Congress created the military chaplaincy 240 years ago today. In fact, George Washington believed chaplains were so essential he asked for an increase in their pay in order “to encourage men of Abilities” to become chaplains. In the anniversary of the Chaplain Corps founding, I want to take this opportunity to honor our military chaplains who courageously serve the ongoing spiritual, religious, and emotional needs of our men and women in uniform.

Since 1775 more than 25,000 chaplains have served in every major war and combat engagements our nation has fought, while hundreds have paid the ultimate sacrifice—including the late Father Emil J. Kapaun. Called a “shepherd in combat boots,” Father Kapaun was an Army captain and Roman Catholic priest from Pilsen, Kansas who died a prisoner of war in the Korean War. His surviving comrades noted how he selflessly risked his life to rescue wounded soldiers, nursed the sick and wounded, and stood steadfast in his faith and his lifesaving ministerial responsibilities despite horrific persecution. In 2013, I had the honor of witnessing this saintly chaplain be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism posthumously.

Additionally, The Diocese of Wichita and the Vatican have begun the formal process that could lead to Father Kapaun's canonization. In 1993, it was announced that Fr. Kapaun would receive the title of “Servant of God.”

The following account of Father Kaupan's Korean War service is provided by the United States Army:

Kapaun moved fearlessly from foxhole to foxhole under direct enemy fire in order to

provide comfort and reassurance to the outnumbered Soldiers. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to recover wounded men, dragging them to safety. When he couldn't drag them, he dug shallow trenches to shield them from enemy fire. As Chinese forces closed in, Kapaun rejected several chances to escape, instead volunteering to stay behind and care for the wounded. He was taken as a prisoner of war by Chinese forces on Nov. 2, 1950. After he was captured, Kapaun and other prisoners were marched for several days northward toward prisoner-of-war camps. During the march Kapaun led by example in caring for injured Soldiers, refusing to take a break from carrying the stretchers of the wounded while encouraging others to do their part. Once inside the dismal prison camps, Kapaun risked his life by sneaking around the camp after dark, foraging for food, caring for the sick, and encouraging his fellow Soldiers to sustain their faith and their humanity. On at least one occasion, he was brutally punished for his disobedience, being forced to sit outside in sub-zero weather without any garments. When the Chinese instituted a mandatory re-education program, Kapaun patiently and politely rejected every theory put forth by the instructors. Later, Kapaun openly flouted his captors by conducting a sunrise service on Easter morning, 1951. When Kapaun began to suffer from the physical toll of his captivity, the Chinese transferred him to a filthy, unheated hospital where he died alone. As he was being carried to the hospital, he asked God's forgiveness for his captors, and made his fellow prisoners promise to keep their faith. Chaplain Kapaun died in captivity on May 23, 1951.

As Chaplain Kapaun's compelling leadership and powerful story attests, our chaplains are vital to the wellbeing and morale of our troops—especially in the face of possible injury and death. The chaplaincy has endured for over two hundred years because of the singular and widespread recognition of its unique role in the defense and support of our nation. It is essential to ensure that those brave men and women who live out their promise to protect our sacred freedoms and guard our religious heritage are paid the proper respect. Rest assured, as long as I have a voice in Congress, I will continue to defend and protect the religious freedom of those who served and still serve our nation in the Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING SUZANNE KUBIK FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK AS A MATHEMATICS TEACHER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Suzanne Kubik, a dedicated mathematics teacher who has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest honor that a K–12 mathematics or science educator can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States, and I can think of no one more deserving than Suzanne. For the past nine years, Suzanne has served as a full-time teacher at Middleborough High School in Middleborough, Massachusetts. Cer-

tified to teach mathematics and chemistry, Suzanne is particularly known for her dedication to AP Statistics—a challenging course that students have come to love thanks to her sincerity.

Through dedication, creativity, and unwavering patience, Suzanne has mentored countless students and left a lasting and meaningful impression on many more. Her energetic lessons, passion for the material, and commitment to simplifying and translating complex concepts have served as a model for students and teachers, alike. Last year, Suzanne's outstanding attitude and impact was recognized across the Commonwealth when she received the 2014 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award.

Suzanne's work as an educator does not end with the last bell of the school day. She enjoys speaking at the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative's Statistics Saturday Study Sessions, and serves on numerous organizations across the Commonwealth, including as advisor to the New England Champion Rubik's Cube Club, as co-advisor to the National Honor Society, and as co-chair to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Committee on Instruction. Her passion to mathematics, the sciences, and, most importantly, to her students is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Suzanne Kubik for receiving this prestigious award. I know all my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating her and wishing her nothing but success in the future.

THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DODD-FRANK ACT

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, last week, House Democrats celebrated the 5th anniversary of Dodd-Frank—the most sweeping financial regulatory reform in the United States since the 1930s.

Signed into law by President Obama on July 21, 2010, Dodd-Frank has changed—for the better—the way consumers, investors, and other market participants interact with our financial system.

It has provided oversight to Wall Street, giving regulators the tools to end the era of “too big to fail” entities and outrageous taxpayer bailouts, and has eliminated loopholes that allowed risky and abusive practices to go unnoticed and unregulated.

But how did we get here?

Five years ago, Dodd-Frank was enacted in the wake of profound economic devastation as our nation was reeling from the impact of the 2008 financial crisis.

Millions of Americans suffered job loss, many small businesses closed down, foreclosures skyrocketed, the stock market suffered large drops, and a looming repeat of the Great Depression was feared.

Specifically, in the six months before President Obama took office in February 2009, our economy lost a total of nearly 4 million private sector jobs—an unimaginable average of 650,000 jobs per month.

Nearly \$13 trillion in economic growth and \$16 trillion in household wealth simply disappeared while close to 9 million individuals were displaced from their homes.